

IN THE CLAIMS

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21. (New) A method for protecting newly applied body art on a skin surface comprising:

applying body art to a skin surface; and

protecting the body art with a cover that attaches to the skin to create a gapped region between the cover and the body art where the cover shields the entire body art, and where the cover includes a peripheral portion having a mating surface for placement on the skin surface approximately adjacent to the body art.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the body art is selected from a tattoo, piercing, scarring, insertion of foreign objects, or removal of skin.

23. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the cover comprises polyethylene, polypropylene, or polystyrene.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the cover is substantially transparent and substantially shields the body art from sunlight exposure.

25. (New) The method of claim 24 where the mating surface further includes tape, hook and loop, elastic, adhesives, bandages, or gels that secure the mating surface to the skin approximately adjacent to the body art.

26. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the protecting step is accomplished with a cover that attaches to skin to create a substantially waterproof gapped region.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 where the protecting step further includes applying a material or compound on the body art.

28. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the protecting step is accomplished with a cover including at least one perforation.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the perforation is sized and shaped to permit the circulation of ambient air.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the perforation is sized and shaped to permit the application of at least one material promoting skin health.

31. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the perforation is sized and shaped to permit the removal of at least one material promoting skin health.

32. (New) The method of claim 24 where the mating surface further includes adhesive tape, hook and loop tape, elastic, adhesives, bandages, or gels that secure the mating surface to the skin approximately adjacent to the body art.

33. (New) A method for protecting newly applied body art on a skin surface comprising:

applying body art to a skin surface;

protecting the body art by applying a material or compound to the skin surface and shielding the body art with a substantially transparent cover that substantially shields the body art from sunlight and attaches to the skin to create a substantially waterproof gapped region between the cover and the body art, where the cover shields the entire body art, and where the cover includes a peripheral portion having a mating surface for placement on the skin surface approximately adjacent to the body art, wherein the mating surface includes tape, hook and loop, elastic, adhesives, bandages, or gels that secure the mating surface to the skin approximately adjacent to the body art.